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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re : Chapter 11 Case No.

MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY, et al., : 09-50026 (REG)

f/k/a General Motors Corp., et al.

Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTORS LIQUIDATION
COMPANY GUC TRUST'S OBJECTION TO CLAIM NO. 1038
FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AMENDED ORDER PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C.
§ 105(A) AND GENERAL ORDER M-390 AUTHORIZING IMPLEMENTATION OF
ALTERNATE DISPUTE PROCEDURES, INCLUDING MANDATORY MEDIATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that upon the annexed Objection, dated April 29, 2011, of Motors Liquidation Company GUC Trust (the "GUC Trust"), to the allowance of Proof of Claim No. 1038 (the "Objection"), as more fully set forth in the Objection, a hearing (the "Hearing") to consider the Objection will be held before the Honorable Robert E. Gerber, United States Bankruptcy Judge, in Room 621 of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004, on June 22, 2011 at 9:45 a.m. (Eastern Time), or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any responses to the Objection must be in writing, shall conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court, and shall be filed with the Bankruptcy Court (a) electronically in accordance with General Order M-399 (which can be found at www.nysb.uscourts.gov) by registered users of the Bankruptcy Court's filing system, and (b) by all other parties in interest, on a CD-ROM or 3.5 inch disk, in text-searchable portable document format (PDF) (with a hard copy delivered directly to Chambers), in accordance with the customary practices of the Bankruptcy Court and General Order M-399, to the extent applicable, and served in accordance with General Order M-399 and on (i) Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, attorneys for the GUC Trust, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153 (Attn: Harvey R. Miller, Esq., Stephen Karotkin, Esq., and Joseph H. Smolinsky, Esq.); (ii) the Debtors, c/o Motors Liquidation Company, 401 South Old Woodward Avenue, Suite 370, Birmingham, Michigan 48009 (Attn: Thomas Morrow); (iii) General Motors, LLC, 400 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48265 (Attn: Lawrence S. Buonomo, Esq.); (iv) Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, attorneys for the United States Department of the Treasury, One World Financial Center, New York, New York 10281 (Attn: John J. Rapisardi, Esq.); (v) the United States Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 2312, Washington, D.C. 20220 (Attn: Joseph Samarias, Esq.); (vi) Vedder Price, P.C., attorneys for Export Development Canada, 1633 Broadway, 47th Floor, New York, New York 10019 (Attn: Michael J. Edelman, Esq. and Michael L. Schein, Esq.); (vii) Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, attorneys for the statutory committee of unsecured creditors, 1177 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036 (Attn: Thomas Moers Mayer, Esq., Robert Schmidt, Esq., Lauren Macksoud, Esq., and Jennifer Sharret, Esq.); (viii) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York, 33 Whitehall

Street, 21st Floor, New York, New York 10004 (Attn: Tracy Hope Davis, Esq.); (ix) the U.S. Attorney's Office, S.D.N.Y., 86 Chambers Street, Third Floor, New York, New York 10007 (Attn: David S. Jones, Esq. and Natalie Kuehler, Esq.); (x) Caplin & Drysdale, Chartered, attorneys for the official committee of unsecured creditors holding asbestos-related claims, 375 Park Avenue, 35th Floor, New York, New York 10152-3500 (Attn: Elihu Inselbuch, Esq. and Rita C. Tobin, Esq.) and One Thomas Circle, N.W., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005 (Attn: Trevor W. Swett III, Esq. and Kevin C. Maclay, Esq.); (xi) Stutzman, Bromberg, Esserman & Plifka, A Professional Corporation, attorneys for Dean M. Trafelet in his capacity as the legal representative for future asbestos personal injury claimants, 2323 Bryan Street, Suite 2200, Dallas, Texas 75201 (Attn: Sander L. Esserman, Esq. and Robert T. Brousseau, Esq.); (xii) Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, attorneys for Wilmington Trust Company as GUC Trust Administrator and for Wilmington Trust Company as Avoidance Action Trust Administrator, 200 Park Avenue, 47th Floor, New York, New York 10166 (Attn: Keith Martorana, Esq.); (xiii) FTI Consulting, as the GUC Trust Monitor and as the Avoidance Action Trust Monitor, One Atlantic Center, 1201 West Peachtree Street, Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30309 (Attn: Anna Phillips); (xiv) Crowell & Moring LLP, attorneys for the Revitalizing Auto Communities Environmental Response Trust, 590 Madison Avenue, 19th Floor, New York, New York 10022-2524 (Attn: Michael V. Blumenthal, Esq.); (xv) Kirk P. Watson, Esq., as the Asbestos Trust Administrator, 2301 Woodlawn Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78703; (xvi) Luzardo Pendas, Esq. and Larry Trias, Esq., 625 East Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida 32801; and (xvii) Jose Torres, 1404 Fairway Oaks Drive, Casselberry, Florida 32707, so as to be received no later than **June** 15, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) (the "Response Deadline").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if no responses are timely filed and served with respect to the Objection, the GUC Trust may, on or after the Response Deadline, submit to the Bankruptcy Court an order substantially in the form of the proposed order annexed to the Objection, which order may be entered with no further notice or opportunity to be heard offered to any party.

Dated: New York, New York April 29, 2011

/s/ Joseph H. Smolinsky

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TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. GERBER, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Motors Liquidation Company GUC Trust (the "GUC Trust"), respectfully represents:

## **Relief Requested**

- 1. Through this Objection (the "Objection"), the GUC Trust seeks entry of an order disallowing and expunging Proof of Claim No. 1038 (the "Claim") filed by Jose Torres, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Valeria Torres-Rodriguez (the "Claimant"), annexed hereto as Exhibit "A," because the Claimant has wholly failed to comply with the ADR Order and ADR Procedures (defined below).
- 2. The GUC Trust files this Objection pursuant to section 502(b) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 3007(d) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and this Court's order approving the procedures relating to the filing of proofs of claim (the "Bar Date Order") (ECF No. 4079), establishing November 30, 2009 as the bar date (the "Bar Date").

#### **Jurisdiction**

3. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The GUC Trust reserves its rights to object to the Claim on any other basis as to which the Court does not grant the relief requested herein.

## **Background**

#### A. The Bar Date Order

4. On September 16, 2009, this Court entered the Bar Date Order which, among other things, established November 30, 2009 as the Bar Date and set forth procedures for filing proofs of claims.

#### B. The Claim

5. On July 31, 2009, Claimant filed the Claim. (*See* Ex. A.) The Proof of Claim seeks \$10 million based on "personal injury" and is related to a lawsuit styled *Jose Torres, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Valeria Torres Rodriguez v. General Motors*Corporation, et al., purportedly pending in the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Orange County, Florida,

Case No. 48-2009-CA-003579-O. (*See* Ex. A.)

#### C. The ADR Order and ADR Procedures

- 6. On February 23, 2010, the Bankruptcy Court entered the Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105(a) and General Order M-390 Authorizing Implementation of Alternate Dispute Procedures, Including Mandatory Mediation (ECF No. 5037). On October 25, 2010, the Bankruptcy Court entered the Amended Order (the "ADR Order") Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105(a) and General Order M-390 Authorizing Implementation of Alternate Dispute Procedures, Including Mandatory Mediation (the "ADR Procedures") (ECF No. 7558), attached hereto as Exhibit "B," which amended the previous order with respect to the list of available mediators and approved mediation locations.
- 7. The ADR Order and the ADR Procedures have resulted in the amicable resolution of hundreds of claims, to the benefit of the Debtors' estates and stakeholders and to the claimants participating in the ADR Procedures. The success of the ADR Order and ADR Procedures requires the full participation of claimants. Accordingly, Section II.F of the ADR

Procedures provides that failure by a claimant to comply with the ADR Procedures is sanctionable:

## F. Failure to Comply with the ADR Procedures

If a Designated Claimant or the Debtors fail to comply with the ADR Procedures, negotiate in good faith, or cooperate as may be necessary to effectuate the ADR Procedures, the Bankruptcy Court may, after notice and a hearing, find such conduct to be in violation of the ADR Order or, with respect to a Designated Claimant, an abandonment of or failure to prosecute the Designated Claim, or both. Upon such findings, the Bankruptcy Court may, among other things, disallow and expunge the Designated Claim, in whole or part, or grant such other or further remedy deemed just and appropriate under the circumstances, including, without limitation, awarding attorneys' fees, other fees, and costs to the other party.

(ADR Procedures § II.F (emphasis added) (Ex. B).)

8. In addition, the ADR Order provides that the Bankruptcy Court retains jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the ADR Order and the ADR Procedures. (*See* ADR Order at 7 (Ex. B).)

# D. Designation of the Claim for ADR Procedures, Including Mandatory Mediation

9. On December 9, 2010, Motors Liquidation Company ("MLC"), the predecessor of the GUC Trust, sent a notice to Claimant, through his attorney of record, submitting the Claim to alternate dispute resolution pursuant to the ADR Order (the "ADR Notice"). (*See* ADR Notice, attached hereto as **Exhibit "C."**) The ADR Notice further made a settlement offer. Per the ADR Procedures, the deadline to respond to the ADR Notice was December 30, 2010. (*See* Ex. C. at 1.)

# E. The Claimant Fails to Comply with the ADR Procedures

- 10. Claimant never responded to the ADR Notice. In an attempt to elicit a response from the Claimant, MLC's counsel attempted to contact Claimant's counsel numerous times over the last several months:
  - During the weeks of January 17th and 24th, 2011, co-counsel for MLC, Anneke J. Shepard and Harold Franklin at King & Spalding LLP ("MLC's Co-Counsel"), left numerous voicemails with Claimants' counsel. These messages were not returned. (*See* Emails from A. Shepard, attached hereto as Exhibit "D.")
  - On January 31, 2011, MLC's Co-Counsel spoke to Claimant's counsel by telephone. That same day, she followed up that conversation by sending Claimant's counsel an email requesting that Claimant respond to the ADR Notice, and attached the ADR Notice. (*See id.*) Claimant's counsel did not return the ADR Notice or respond to that email.
  - On February 24, 2011, MLC's Co-Counsel left Claimant's counsel another voicemail, to which Claimant's counsel did not respond. (*See id.*)
  - On February 25, MLC's Co-Counsel sent Claimant's counsel another email, which went unanswered. (*See id.*)
  - On March 16, 2011, MLC's counsel sent Claimant's a letter, which notified Claimant's counsel that the Claimant was in violation of the ADR Order and ADR Procedures for failure to respond to the ADR Notice. (See Ltr. from M. Allen to L. Pendas dated Mar. 16, 2011, attached hereto as Exhibit "E.") The letter demanded that Claimant either withdraw the Claim or respond to the ADR Notice by March 23, 2011. The letter expressly stated that if the Claimant failed to respond to the letter, MLC would seek disallowance and expunction of the Claim pursuant to the ADR Procedures. Claimant's counsel did not respond to this letter.

#### F. The Confirmation Order

11. On March 28, 2011, the Court entered its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Pursuant to Sections 1129(b) and (b) of the Bankruptcy Code and Rule 3020 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure Confirming Debtors' Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan (ECF No. 9941) (the "Confirmation Order"). Among other things, the Confirmation Order (i) confirmed the Debtors' Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan (the

"Plan"), (ii) established the GUC Trust pursuant to that certain Motors Liquidation Company GUC Trust Agreement, (iii) transferred certain claims pending against MLC to the GUC Trust, and (iv) authorized the GUC Trust to resolve such claims on behalf of the Debtors' estates. The Claim was among the claims transferred to the GUC Trust.

#### **Argument**

- comply with the ADR Procedures. The ADR Procedures provide that a claimant may be sanctioned for failure to comply with the ADR Procedures, failure to negotiate in good faith, or failure to cooperate as may be necessary to effectuate the ADR Procedures. (ADR Procedures § II.F (Ex. B).) The ADR Procedures further provide that the Bankruptcy Court may find such conduct to be "in violation of the ADR Order or abandonment of or failure to prosecute the Designated Claim, or both." (*Id.* (Ex. B).) In the event of such findings, the ADR Procedures authorize the Bankruptcy Court to disallow and expunge the claim, or grant such other or further remedy deemed just and appropriate under the circumstances, including, without limitation, awarding attorneys' fees, other fees, and costs. (*Id.* (Ex.B).)
- 13. Pursuant to section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, a bankruptcy court is expressly authorized "to tak[e] any action or make[e] any determination necessary or appropriate to enforce or implement court orders or rules, or to prevent an abuse of process." 11 U.S.C. § 105(a). The Second Circuit has held that section 105(a) should be "construed liberally to enjoin actions that might impede the reorganization process." *In re Momentum Mfg. Corp.*, 25 F.3d 1132, 1136 (2d Cir. 1994) (internal quotations omitted).
- 14. Further, courts have broad equitable authority to enforce their orders. *See Knight v. Kelly*, No. 93-CV-0712E(H), 1996 WL 549305, at \*1 (W.D.N.Y. Sept. 19, 1996) ("It has long been recognized that courts are vested with broad implied powers that are necessary to

the exercise of others, including the power to enforce the observance of orders.") (citing *Chambers v. Nasco, Inc.*, 501 U.S. 32, 43 (1991)). Such powers necessarily include a court's power to manage its "own affairs so as to achieve the orderly and expeditious disposition of cases," which includes the power to sanction a party for failure to comply with its orders or to dismiss a party's claims. *See Link v. Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 630-631 (1962) (holding that courts may, in their discretion, dismiss complaints for failure to prosecute even without affording notice of their intention to do so or providing an adversary hearing before acting).

ADR Procedures. Claimant also failed to respond to the Debtors' numerous attempts over several months to contact him through counsel by email, telephone, and letter. All of these actions constitute failure to comply with the ADR Procedures, failure to negotiate in good faith, and failure to cooperate as may be necessary to effectuate the ADR Procedures. This Court should not permit claimants to violate this Court's ADR Order and the ADR Procedures by failing to participate the alternative dispute resolution process. Such violations threaten the goals of the ADR Order and ADR Procedures and waste this Court's, MLC's, and the GUC Trust's resources, to the detriment of all other creditors. Accordingly, the GUC Trust respectfully requests that the Bankruptcy Court disallow and expunge the Claim.

#### **Notice**

16. Notice of this Objection has been provided to Claimant, both directly at his last-known address as well as by and through his counsel of record, and parties in interest in accordance with the Fifth Amended Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105(a) and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1015(c) and 9007 Establishing Notice and Case Management Procedures, dated January 3, 2011 (ECF No. 8360). The GUC Trust submits that such notice is sufficient and no other or further notice need be provided.

17. No previous request for the relief sought herein has been made by MLC or the GUC Trust to this or any other Court.

# **Conclusion and Requested Relief**

WHEREFORE the GUC Trust respectfully requests entry of an order disallowing and expunging the Claim, as well as any such other and further relief as is just.

Dated: New York, New York April 29, 2011

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# **EXHIBIT A**

**Proof of Claim No. 1038** 

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B 10 (Official Form 10) (12/08) PROOF OF CLAIM UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT Southern District of New York Name of Debtor Case Number Motors Liquidation Company # 09-50026-reg NOTE This form should not be used to make a claim for an administrative expense arising after the commencement of the case. A request for payment of an administrative expense may be filed pursuant to 11 USC § 503 Name of Creditor (the person or other entity to whom the debtor owes money or property) Check this box to indicate that this Jose Torres, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Valeria Torres-Rodriguez claim amends a previously filed Name and address where notices should be sent Luzardo Pendas, Esq. Court Claim Number: CA003570-FILED - 01038 625 East Colonial Drive (If known) MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY Orlando, Florida 32801 F/K/A GENERAL MOTORS CORP Telephone number SDNY # 09-50026 (REG) Filed on \_\_02/05/2009 (407) 352-3535 Name and address where payment should be sent (if different from above) ☐ Check this box if you are aware that anyone else has filed a proof of claim relating to your claim Attach copy of statement giving particulars Telephone number Check this box if you are the debtor or trustee in this case 10,000,000 00 5. Amount of Claim Entitled to 1. Amount of Claim as of Date Case Filed; Priority under 11 U.S.C. §507(a) If If all or part of your claim is secured, complete item 4 below, however, if all of your claim is unsecured, do not complete any portion of your claim falls in one of the following categories, check the box and state the If all or part of your claim is entitled to priority, complete item 5 amount. Specify the priority of the claim Check this box if claim includes interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of claim. Attach itemized statement of interest or charges Domestic support obligations under 2. Basis for Claim Personal Injury 11 U S C §507(a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B) (See instruction #2 on reverse side) Last four digits of any number by which creditor identifies debtor: ☐ Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$10,950\*) earned within 180 days before filing of the bankruptcy 3a Debtor may have scheduled account as (See instruction #3a on reverse side ) petition or cessation of the debtor's business, whichever is earlier - 11 4. Secured Claim (See instruction #4 on reverse side ) USC §507 (a)(4) Check the appropriate box if your claim is secured by a lien on property or a right of setoff and provide the requested information ☐ Contributions to an employee benefit plan - 11 U S C §507 (a)(5) Motor Vehicle Describe ☐ Up to \$2,425\* of deposits toward Value of Property \$\_\_\_\_\_ Annual Interest Rate\_\_\_ purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use - 11 U S C §507 Amount of arrearage and other charges as of time case filed included in secured claim (a)(7)Basis for perfection Taxes or penalties owed to Amount of Secured Claim S \_ Amount Unsecured \$\_\_ governmental units - 11 U S C §507 (a)(8)6 Credits The amount of all payments on this claim has been credited for the purpose of making this proof of claim ☐ Other - Specify applicable paragraph of 11 USC \$507 (a)(\_\_) 7 Documents: Attach redacted copies of any documents that support the claim, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, judgments, mortgages, and security agreements You may also attach a summary Attach redacted copies of documents providing evidence of perfection of Amount entitled to priority a security interest You may also attach a summary (See instruction 7 and definition of "redacted" on reverse side) DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS ATTACHED DOCUMENTS MAY BE DESTROYED AFTER SCANNING \*Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/1/10 and every 3 years thereafter with If the documents are not available, please explain respect to cases commenced on or after the date of adjustment FOR COURT USE ONLY Date: Signature The person filing this claim must sign it Sign and print name and title, if any, of the creditor or other person authorized to file this claim and state address and telephone number if different from the notice address above Attach copy of power of attorney, if any



July 27, 2009

VIA U.S. CERTIFIED U.S. MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED 7009 1680 0002 2266 0027

Claims and Noticing Agent Garden City Group Claims Agent 105 Maxess Road Melville, NY 11747

Re: PROOF OF CLAIM- TO BE FILED IN

Motors Liquidation Company #: 09-50026-reg

JOSE TORRES, as Personal Representative of the Estate of

Valeria Torres Rodriguez v. General Motors Et. Al.

Orange County, Florida, Ninth Judicial Circuit Case Number:

48-2009-CA-003570-O

Dear Claims Agent

Enclosed is the original and a copy of the Proof of Claim to be filed in Motors Liquidation Company, case number 09-50026-reg. I have also included a self addressed stamped envelope and a copy of the proof of claim to receive an acknowledgement of the filing of the proof of claim.

Thank you for your time and attention

Very truly yours,

THE PENDAS LAW FIRM

Ana M Lopez, Esquire

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# **EXHIBIT B**

Amended Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105(a) and General Order M-390 Authorizing Implementation of Alternate Dispute Procedures, Including Mandatory Mediation (ECF No. 7558)

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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# AMENDED ORDER PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 105(a) AND GENERAL ORDER M-390 AUTHORIZING IMPLEMENTATION OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE PROCEDURES, INCLUDING MANDATORY MEDIATION

Upon the Motion, dated January 11, 2010 (the "Motion"), 1 of Motors
Liquidation Company (f/k/a General Motors Corporation) and its affiliated debtors, as
debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), for an order, pursuant to section
105(a) of title 11, United States Code and General Order M-390 (the "Original ADR
Order"), for authorization to implement alternative dispute procedures, including
mandatory mediation (the "ADR Procedures"), all as more fully set forth in the Motion;
and due and proper notice of the Motion having been provided, and it appearing that no
other or further notice need be provided; and the Court having found and determined that
the relief sought in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates,
creditors, and all parties in interest and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the

the Original ADR Order as Exhibit "A."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Motion, the Omnibus Reply of the Debtors to Objections to Debtors' Motion for Entry of Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105(a) and General Order M-390 Authorizing Implementation of Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures, Including Mandatory Mediation, and in the ADR Procedures annexed to

Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after consideration of the response pleadings filed; and the Court having entered the Original ADR Order; and upon the Debtors' Motion, dated October 8, 2010 (the "Motion to Amend") to amend the ADR Order; and the Court having determined since the entry of the Original ADR Order that the Original ADR Order should be modified in certain respects and restated in its entirety as provided herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is

ORDERED that this Amended ADR Order supersedes in all respects the Original ADR Order; and it is further

ORDERED that notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Motion or Motion to Amend, the ADR Procedures, as set forth in **Exhibit "A"** to this Amended ADR Order, are approved as provided herein with respect to (a) personal injury claims, (b) wrongful death claims, (c) tort claims, (d) product liability claims, (e) claims for damages arising from the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease with a Debtor under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code (excluding claims for damages arising from the rejection of executory contracts that relate primarily to environmental matters), (f) indemnity claims (excluding tax indemnity claims relating to leveraged fixed equipment lease transactions and excluding indemnity claims relating to asbestos liability), (g) lemon law claims, to the extent applicable under section 6.15 of the Master Sale and Purchase Agreement by and between the Debtors and NGMCO, Inc., dated as of June 1, 2009, and as amended (the "**MPA**"), (h) warranty claims, to the extent applicable under section 6.15 of the MPA, and (i) class action claims (the "**Initial Subject** 

Claims"); and it is further

ORDERED that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Motion, the Motion to Amend, or the ADR Procedures, the ADR procedures shall not apply to claims filed by the United States of America or its agencies; *provided*, *however*, nothing shall preclude the Debtors from seeking in the future by separate motion alternative dispute resolutions in connection with any such claims; and it is further

ORDERED that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Motion or the ADR Procedures, the ADR Procedures shall not apply to claims filed by state and tribal governments concerning alleged environmental liabilities; *provided*, *however*, nothing shall preclude the Debtors from seeking in the future by separate motion alternative dispute resolutions in connection with any such claims; and it is further

ORDERED that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Motion, the Motion to Amend, or the ADR Procedures, the United States of America, nor any state or tribal government shall be in any way bound by any determination made pursuant to the ADR Procedures as to any other party or claim subject to the ADR Procedures, including any determination with respect to the amount, classification, disallowance, or type of claim; and it is further

ORDERED that, annexed to this Amended ADR Order as **Exhibit "B"** is a revised schedule of mediators (the "**Schedule of Mediators**"); and it is further

ORDERED that, the Debtors from time to time may further modify the Schedule of Mediators, in consultation with the Ad Hoc Committee, by filing a revised

Schedule of Mediators with this Court and providing counsel to the Ad Hoc Committee with the Sharing Cap for each additional mediator added to the Schedule of Mediators; and it is further

ORDERED that, the Debtors are authorized to waive the obligation to share costs of non-binding mediation in their sole discretion to the extent the Designated Claimant establishes, to the satisfaction of the Debtors, that sharing of such expenses would constitute a substantial hardship upon the Designated Claimant; and it is further

ORDERED that, within thirty (30) days from the date of entry of this

Order (the "Capping Period"), any holder of an Unliquidated/Litigation Claim that is an

Initial Subject Claim filed against any of the Debtors may request the Debtors to initiate
the ADR Procedures for such Unliquidated/Litigation Claim by sending a letter (each a
"Capping Proposal Letter," the form of which is annexed to this Order as Exhibit "C")

to the Debtors indicating a willingness to cap its Unliquidated/Litigation Claim at a
reduced amount (the "Claim Amount Cap"); provided, however, that with respect to any
claim for amounts resulting from the rejection of an executory contract that is rejected
pursuant to an order entered after the date of this Order, a Capping Proposal Letter will
be deemed timely if it is received within thirty (30) days of the entry of the order
authorizing such rejection; and it is further

ORDERED that, upon receiving a Capping Proposal Letter, the Debtors will, if, and only if, the Claim Amount Cap is accepted by the Debtors, initiate the ADR Procedures by designating the Unliquidated/Litigation Claim in accordance with the ADR Procedures and will indicate in the ADR Notice that the Claim Amount Cap has

been accepted; and it is further

ORDERED that, if the Claim Amount Cap is accepted by the Debtors, the Claim Amount Cap will become binding on the Designated Claimant, and the ultimate value of his or her Unliquidated/Litigation Claim will not exceed the Claim Amount Cap. To the extent the Debtors accept the Claim Amount Cap, the Debtors will be responsible for all fees and costs associated with any subsequent mediation. If the Claim Amount Cap is not accepted, the Debtors will notify the Designated Claimant that the Claim Amount Cap has been rejected, and the Claim Amount Cap will not bind any party and shall not be admissible to prove the amount of the Unliquidated/Litigation Claim; and it is further

ORDERED that, within one month after the Capping Period has expired, the Debtors will provide to (i) counsel for the statutory committee of unsecured creditors (the "Creditors' Committee"), and (ii) counsel for the United States of America, a privileged and confidential report containing information on the status of the Unliquidated/Litigation Claims (the "Committee Report"). The Debtors shall provide both the Creditors' Committee and the United States of America with an updated Committee Report once a month; and it is further

ORDERED that the following notice procedures are hereby approved:

- 1. Within **three** (3) **days** of entry of this Order, the Debtors shall cause to be mailed a copy of this Order to all known holders of Initial Subject Claims that are subject to the ADR Procedures.
- 2. The Debtors shall post a form of the Capping Proposal Letter on the website established by GCG for the Debtors' cases: www.motorsliquidationdocket.com;

and it is further

ORDERED that the Debtors are authorized to take any and all steps that are necessary or appropriate to implement the ADR Procedures with respect to the Initial Subject Claims, including, without limitation, by implementing any arbitration awards or settlements with respect to Designated Claims achieved under the terms of the ADR Procedures; *provided, however*, that nothing in this Order or the ADR Procedures, shall obligate the Debtors to settle or pursue settlement of any particular Designated Claim; *further provided* that any such settlements may be pursued and agreed upon as the Debtors believe are reasonable and appropriate in their sole discretion, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the ADR Procedures; and it is further

ORDERED that, if litigation of an Unresolved Designated Claim in a forum other than this Court is required for any of the reasons forth in Section II.E.3 of the ADR Procedures (as determined by this Court), then the Stay shall be modified subject to the terms and conditions set forth in Section II.E.4 of the ADR Procedures. Any such modification of the Stay shall be solely to the extent necessary to permit the liquidation of the amount of such Unresolved Designated Claim in the appropriate forum. If the Debtors fail to file a Notice of Stay Modification or a Stay Motion for any reason with respect to an Unresolved Designated Claim, as set forth in Section II.E.4 of the ADR Procedures, the Stay shall remain in effect with respect to such Unresolved Designated Claim, and the Designated Claimant may seek a determination of this Court regarding whether the Stay must be modified to permit litigation in a non-bankruptcy forum as set forth in Section II.E.3 of the ADR Procedures; and it is further

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ORDERED that nothing contained in this Amended ADR Order shall be

deemed to preclude any party in interest from objecting to any Designated Claim to the

extent such entity has standing to assert an objection in accordance with Bankruptcy

Code and applicable law; and it is further

ORDERED that nothing contained in this Order shall alter the Creditors'

Committee's rights set forth in this Court's Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105(a) and

Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3007 and 9019(b) authorizing the Debtors to (i) File Omnibus Claims

Objections and (ii) Establish Procedures for Settling Certain Claims, entered on October

6, 2006 [Docket No. 4180]; and it is further

ORDERED that nothing in the ADR Procedures, including the ADR

Injunction set forth therein, shall preclude the holder of a Designated Claim from

commencing or continuing an action against a non-debtor party; and it is further

ORDERED that Rule 408 of the Federal Rules of Evidence shall apply to

all aspects of the Capping Proposal Letter, the ADR Procedures, and the Committee

Report; and it is further

ORDERED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine

all matters arising from or related to this Amended ADR Order and the ADR Procedures.

New York, New York

s/Robert E. Gerber

Date: *October 25, 2010* 

Honorable Robert E. Gerber

United States Bankruptcy Judge

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# Exhibit A

# **The ADR Procedures**

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re : Chapter 11 Case No.

MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY, et al., : 09-50026 (REG)

f/k/a General Motors Corp., et al.

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Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)

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# **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES**

The alternative dispute resolution procedures (the "ADR Procedures") adopted in the chapter 11 cases of Motors Liquidation Company (f/k/a General Motors Corporation)

("MLC") and its affiliated debtors, as debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), are set forth below:

# I. CLAIMS SUBJECT TO THE ADR PROCEDURES AND ADR INJUNCTION

#### A. Claims Subject to the ADR Procedures

1. The claims subject to the ADR Procedures (collectively, the "**Designated Claims**") include any and all claims (other than an Excluded Claim as defined below) designated by the Debtors under the notice procedures set forth below that assert or involve claims based on one or more of the following theories of recovery, whether or not litigation previously has been commenced by the claimant: (a) personal injury claims, (b) wrongful death claims, (c) tort claims, (d) product liability claims, (e) claims for damages arising from the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease with a Debtor under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code (excluding claims for damages arising from the rejection of executory contracts that relate primarily to environmental matters), (f) indemnity claims (excluding tax indemnity claims

relating to leveraged fixed equipment lease transactions and excluding indemnity claims relating to asbestos liability), (g) lemon law claims, to the extent applicable under section 6.15 of the Master Sale and Purchase Agreement by and between the Debtors and NGMCO, Inc., dated as of June 1, 2009, and as amended (the "MPA"), (h) warranty claims, to the extent applicable under section 6.15 of the MPA, and (i) class action claims ("Class Claims"). The Debtors may identify as a Designated Claim any proof of claim asserted in these cases, other than Excluded Claims as defined in Section I.B below, if the Debtors believe, in their business judgment and sole discretion, that the ADR Procedures would promote the resolution of such claim and serve the intended objectives of the ADR Procedures.

2. The holders of the Designated Claims are referred to herein as the "Designated Claimants."

## B. Excluded Claims

The Debtors shall not identify as a Designated Claim any proof of claim within any of the following categories (collectively, the "Excluded Claims"): (a) claims for which the automatic stay under section 362 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") was modified by prior order of this Court (the "Bankruptcy Court") to allow the litigation of the claim to proceed in another forum; (b) claims asserted in liquidated amounts of \$500,000 or less; (c) asbestos-related claims (including indemnity claims relating to asbestos liability); (d) environmental claims that constitute prepetition unsecured claims (including claims for damages arising from the rejection of executory contracts that relate primarily to environmental matters); (e) patent infringement claims; (f) tax claims (excluding tax indemnity claims relating to leveraged fixed equipment lease transactions); and (g) claims subject to a separate order of the Bankruptcy Court providing for arbitration or mediation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any of the Excluded Claims, any disputed postpetition administrative expenses, and any claims or

counterclaims asserted by the Debtors may be submitted to the ADR Procedures by agreement of the applicable Debtor and the applicable claimant or by further order of the Bankruptcy Court.

# C. The ADR Injunction

Upon service of the ADR Notice (as defined below) on a Designated Claimant under Section II.A.1 below, such Designated Claimant (and any other person or entity asserting an interest in the relevant Designated Claim) shall be enjoined from commencing or continuing any action or proceeding in any manner or any place, including in the Bankruptcy Court, seeking to establish, liquidate, collect on, or otherwise enforce the Designated Claim(s) identified in the ADR Notice other than (1) through these ADR Procedures, or (2) pursuant to a plan or plans confirmed in the applicable Debtors' chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "ADR Injunction"). Notwithstanding the forgoing, the Debtors shall not be precluded from seeking to estimate any Designated Claim not subject to an accepted Claim Amount Cap in connection with confirmation or consummation of a plan or plans confirmed in the applicable Debtors' chapter 11 cases, or preclude the Designated Claimant from seeking estimation of its Designated Claim solely for voting purposes in connection with confirmation of a plan or plans confirmed in the applicable Debtors' chapter 11 cases. The ADR Injunction shall expire with respect to a Designated Claim only when that Designated Claim has been resolved or after the ADR Procedures have been completed as to that Designated Claim. Except as expressly set forth herein or in a separate order of the Bankruptcy Court, the expiration of the ADR Injunction shall not extinguish, limit, or modify the automatic stay established by section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code or any similar injunction that may be imposed upon the confirmation or effectiveness of a plan or plans in the applicable Debtors' chapter 11 cases (a "Plan Injunction"), and the automatic stay and the Plan Injunction shall remain in place to the extent then in effect.

# II. THE ADR PROCEDURES

#### A. Offer Exchange Procedures

The first stage of the ADR Procedures will be the following offer exchange procedures, requiring the parties to exchange settlement offers and thereby providing an opportunity to resolve the underlying Designated Claim on a consensual basis without any further proceedings by the parties (the "Offer Exchange Procedures"). Rule 408 of the Federal Rules of Evidence shall apply to the ADR Procedures. Except as permitted by Rule 408, no person may rely on, or introduce as evidence in connection with any arbitral, judicial, or other proceeding, any offer, counteroffer, or any other aspect of the ADR Procedures.

- 1. <u>Designation of Designated Claims and Settlement Offer by the Debtors</u>
- Procedures, as applicable (the "ADR Order") and subject to the terms and conditions in Sections I.A and I.B above, the Debtors may designate a Designated Claim for resolution through the ADR Procedures by serving upon the Designated Claimant, at the address listed on the Designated Claimant's most recently filed proof of claim or amended proof of claim, as well as to any counsel of record in these cases for the Designated Claimant, the following materials (collectively, the "ADR Materials"): (i) a notice that the Designated Claim has been submitted to the ADR Procedures (an "ADR Notice"), (ii) a copy of the ADR Order, and (iii) a copy of these ADR Procedures. For transferred claims, the Debtors also will serve a copy of the ADR Materials on the transferee identified in the notice of transfer of claim.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The form of the ADR Notice is attached hereto as **Annex 1** and incorporated herein by reference. The Debtors anticipate that the ADR Notice will be substantially in the form of Annex 1; however, the Debtors reserve the right to modify the ADR Notice, as necessary or appropriate, consistent with the terms of the ADR Procedures.

- Designated Claim has been submitted to the ADR Procedures; (ii) request that the Designated Claimant verify or, as needed, correct, clarify, or supplement, certain information regarding the Designated Claim (including the addresses for notices under the ADR Procedures); and (iii) include an offer by the Debtors to settle the Designated Claim (a "Settlement Offer"). The ADR Notice also will require the Designated Claimant to sign and return the ADR Notice along with the Claimant's Response (as defined in Section II.A.2 below) to the Debtors so that it is received by the Debtors no later than twenty-one (21) days<sup>2</sup> after the mailing of the ADR Notice (the "Settlement Response Deadline").
- (c) If the Designated Claimant fails to sign and return the ADR Notice or to include a Claimant's Response (as defined below) with the returned ADR Notice by the Settlement Response Deadline, (i) the Offer Exchange Procedures will be deemed terminated with respect to the Designated Claim and (ii) the Designated Claim will be submitted to nonbinding mediation.

#### 2. The Claimant's Response

The only permitted responses to a Settlement Offer (the "Claimant's Response") are (i) acceptance of the Settlement Offer, or (ii) rejection of the Settlement Offer coupled with a counteroffer (as further defined below, a "Counteroffer"). If the ADR Notice is returned without a response or with a response that is not a permitted response, the Designated Claim shall be treated as set forth in Section II.A.1(c) above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a) shall apply to all periods calculated in the ADR Procedures.

# 3. *The Counteroffer*

The Counteroffer shall (i) provide all facts that substantiate the Designated Claim and that are sufficient for the Debtors to evaluate the validity and amount of the Designated Claim; (ii) provide all documents that the Designated Claimant contends support the Designated Claim; (iii) state the dollar amount of the Designated Claim (the "Proposed Claim Amount"), which may not (A) improve the priority set forth in the Designated Claimant's most recent timely filed proof of claim or amended proof of claim, or (B) exceed the lesser of the Claim Amount Cap (as defined in the ADR Order), if applicable, or the amount set forth in the Designated Claimant's most recent timely filed proof of claim or amended proof of claim (but may liquidate any unliquidated amounts expressly referenced in a proof of claim), with an explanation of the calculation and basis for the Proposed Claim Amount; and (iv) provide the name and address of counsel representing the Designated Claimant with respect to the Designated Claim, unless the Designated Claimant is a natural person, in which case the Designated Claimant shall either provide the name of such counsel or state that he or she is appearing without counsel.

The Counteroffer is presumed to offer the allowance of the Designated Claim as a general unsecured claim in the Proposed Claim Amount against the Debtor identified in the applicable proof of claim. If the Debtors accept the Counteroffer, the Designated Claimant shall not seek recovery from the Debtors of any consideration other than the consideration ultimately distributed to holders of other allowed general unsecured claims against the relevant Debtor. A Counteroffer may not be for an unknown, unliquidated, or indefinite amount or priority, or the Designated Claim shall be treated as set forth in Section II.A.1(c) above.

# 4. Consent to Subsequent Binding Arbitration

As described in Sections II.B and II.C below, in the absence of a settlement at the conclusion of the Offer Exchange Procedures, Designated Claims shall proceed to nonbinding mediation and, if such mediation is unsuccessful, upon consent of the parties (including deemed consent based on prior contractual agreements), to binding arbitration. A Designated Claimant is required to notify the Debtors whether it consents to, and thereby seeks to participate in, binding arbitration in the event that its Designated Claim ultimately is not resolved through the Offer Exchange Procedures and the nonbinding mediation. A Designated Claimant shall make an election to either consent or not consent to binding arbitration by checking the appropriate box in the ADR Notice (an "Opt-In/Opt-Out Election"). Any Designated Claimant that does not consent to binding arbitration in its response to the ADR Notice may later consent in writing to binding arbitration, subject to the agreement of the Debtors. Consent to binding arbitration, once given, cannot subsequently be withdrawn without consent of the Debtors.

#### 5. The Debtors' Response to a Counteroffer

The Debtors must respond to any Counteroffer within fifteen (15) days after their receipt of the Counteroffer (the "Response Deadline"), by returning a written response (as further defined below, each a "Response Statement"). The Response Statement shall indicate that the Debtors (a) accept the Counteroffer; or (b) reject the Counteroffer, with or without making a revised Settlement Offer (a "Revised Settlement Offer").

#### (a) Failure to Respond

If the Debtors fail to respond to the Counteroffer by the Response Deadline,

(i) the Counteroffer will be deemed rejected by the Debtors; (ii) the Offer Exchange Procedures will be deemed terminated with respect to the Designated Claim; and (iii) the Designated Claim will be submitted to nonbinding mediation.

## (b) Revised Settlement Offer

If the Debtors make a Revised Settlement Offer by the Response Deadline, the Designated Claimant may accept the Revised Settlement Offer by providing the Debtors with a written statement of acceptance no later than ten (10) days after the date of service of the Revised Settlement Offer (the "Revised Settlement Offer Response Deadline"). If the Designated Claimant does not accept the Revised Settlement Offer by the Revised Settlement Offer Response Deadline, the Revised Settlement Offer will be deemed rejected and the Designated Claim automatically will be submitted to nonbinding mediation.

## (c) Request for Additional Information

The Debtors may request supplemental or clarification of information supplied in the Designated Claimant's most recently filed proof of claim to assist in a good faith evaluation of any particular Designated Claim. If the Debtors request additional information or documentation by the Response Deadline, the Designated Claimant shall serve additional information or documentation sufficient to permit the Debtors to evaluate the basis for the Designated Claim (with the exception, in the Designated Claimant's sole discretion, of privileged information or information prepared expressly in contemplation of litigation) so that it is received by the Debtors within fifteen (15) days after such request. If the Designated Claimant timely responds, the Debtors shall have fifteen (15) days to provide an amended Response Statement, which may include a Revised Settlement Offer as a counter to the Counteroffer. If the Debtors do not provide an amended Response Statement within this period, or if the Designated Claimant fails to provide the requested information or documentation within the time allotted, the Designated Claim will be submitted to nonbinding mediation.

# 6. Offer Exchange Termination Date

Upon mutual written consent, the Debtors and a Designated Claimant may exchange additional Revised Settlement Offers and Counteroffers for up to twenty (20) days after the later of (a) the Revised Settlement Offer Response Deadline or (b) the expiration of the applicable timeframes provided for in Section II.A.5(c) above with respect to requesting, receiving, and responding to additional information or documentation. Otherwise, the Offer Exchange Procedures shall conclude and terminate on the earliest of the following (the "Offer Exchange Termination Date"): (i) the date upon which the Designated Claim automatically advances to nonbinding mediation under the provisions set forth above; (ii) the date that any settlement offer for a Designated Claim is accepted under the procedures set forth above; (iii) the date upon which a Response Statement was served by the Debtors, if the Debtors notified the Designated Claimant in their Response Statement of the Debtors' intention to proceed directly to nonbinding mediation; or (iv) such earlier date as is agreed upon by the Debtors and the Designated Claimant.

#### 7. Ability to Settle Claims

Nothing herein shall limit the ability of a Designated Claimant and the Debtors to settle a Designated Claim by mutual consent at any time. All such settlements shall be subject to the terms of Section II.D.2 below.

#### B. Nonbinding Mediation ("Mediation")

# 1. <u>Mediation Notice</u>

If the Debtors and the Designated Claimant do not settle the Designated Claim through the Offer Exchange Procedures, the Debtors shall serve a notice of nonbinding mediation, with a copy of the Designated Claimant's applicable proof(s) of claim attached, on the Designated Claimant no later than thirty (30) days after the Offer Exchange Termination

Date, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable.<sup>3</sup> The Mediation Notice will provide the Mediation Location (as such term is defined in Section II.B.2 below).

# 2. <u>Location and Appointment of the Mediator</u>

All Mediations shall be conducted in either (i) New York, New York; (ii) Detroit, Michigan; (iii) Dallas, Texas; (iv) San Francisco, California; or (v) Chicago, Illinois (collectively, the "Mediation Locations"), unless the parties agree to a different location.

Within ten (10) days after receiving the Mediation Notice, the Designated Claimant shall choose one of the individuals identified in a list of mediators annexed to the Mediation Notice and corresponding to the applicable Mediation Location to conduct the mediation (the "Mediator").

To the maximum extent practicable, the scheduling and location of Mediation sessions shall give due consideration to the convenience of the parties and the proximity of the Designated Claimant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, within ten (10) business days after service of the Mediation Notice, the Designated Claimant may file a motion with the Bankruptcy Court, on notice to the Debtors and any previously appointed mediator, for an order directing that the Mediation be conducted in a different location (a "Hardship Motion") if the Designated Claimant can demonstrate that traveling to any of the Mediation Locations presents a "substantial hardship;" *provided, however*, that there shall be a rebuttable presumption that, absent other extraordinary facts, there is no "substantial hardship" imposed on a Designated Claimant if the primary representative for a Designated Claimant resides in a location that is less than 750 miles from the Mediation Location or is less than a three-hour plane trip from the Mediation Location (based on typical commercial schedules for the fastest route, excluding any

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The form of the Mediation Notice is attached hereto as **Annex 2** and incorporated herein by reference. The Debtors anticipate that the Mediation Notice will be substantially in the form of Annex 2; however, the Debtors reserve the right to modify the Mediation Notice, as necessary or appropriate, consistent with the terms of the ADR Procedures.

layovers). While a Hardship Motion is pending, all deadlines under these ADR Procedures shall be suspended. If a Hardship Motion is granted, any alternative location shall be determined by the Bankruptcy Court, taking into account the convenience of the parties and any agreements reached by the parties. If the location of the Mediation is changed, (i) any Mediator appointed in the original location may be replaced by a Mediator in the new location (selected by mutual agreement of the parties or order of the Court), and (ii) the Bankruptcy Court may require that that the Debtors and the Designated Claimant share the costs of the Mediation.

#### 3. *Mediation Rules*

The Mediation of Designated Claims shall be governed by the Mediator's regular procedures, except where expressly modified in the ADR Procedures. In the event of any conflict, the ADR Procedures shall control. Any party to a Mediation that fails to participate in good faith, on the terms described herein, may be subject to sanctions under Section II.F below.

#### (a) *Impartiality and Qualifications of Mediators*

A person appointed as a Mediator must (i) be an impartial, neutral person; (ii) have no financial or personal interest in the proceedings or, except when otherwise agreed by the parties, in any related matter; and (iii) upon appointment, disclose any circumstances likely to create a reasonable inference of bias. In the event a Mediator discloses circumstances likely to create a reasonable inference of bias, such Mediator may be replaced at the written request of either the Debtors or the Designated Claimant prior to the mediation.

### (b) Fees and Costs for Mediation

For each Mediation conducted under these ADR Procedures, the Mediator selected to preside will be entitled to charge the mediation fees disclosed to, and agreed to by, the Debtors and the Designated Claimant. Unless the parties have expressly agreed otherwise in writing (either prepetition or postpetition) as part of an agreement to submit Designated Claims

to Mediation, the Mediator's fees and the costs of any Mediation shall be shared equally by the Debtors and the Designated Claimant subject to the Sharing Cap (as such term is described in the ADR Order. For purposes of clarity, these costs shall not include travel expenses of the parties.

#### (c) Pre-Mediation Briefing

Unless the parties agree otherwise, on or before thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled Mediation, the Designated Claimant shall serve on the Mediator and the Debtors by electronic transmission or facsimile, at a minimum, and no later than by 6:00 p.m. (Eastern Time), a nonconfidential, pre-Mediation statement (the "Opening Statement") not to exceed fifteen (15) pages, excluding any attachments, setting forth all of the Designated Claimant's claims and identifying each and every cause of action or theory the Designated Claimant asserts, including a short and plain statement of the facts and law upon which the Designated Claimant relies for recovery and maintains entitle it to relief. The Designated Claimant shall include, as exhibits or annexes to the Opening Statement, all documents (or summaries of voluminous documents), affidavits, and other evidentiary materials on which the Designated Claimant relies (with the exception, in the Designated Claimant's sole discretion, of privileged information or information prepared expressly in contemplation of litigation). Unless the parties agree otherwise, on or before fifteen (15) days after service of the Opening Statement, the Debtors shall serve on the Mediator and the Designated Claimant, by electronic transmission or facsimile, at a minimum, and no later than by 6:00 p.m. (Eastern Time), a nonconfidential response statement (the "Mediation Response Statement") not to exceed fifteen (15) pages, excluding attachments. The Designated Claimant shall receive copies of all exhibits to the Mediation Response Statement (with the exception, in the Debtors' sole discretion, of privileged information or information prepared expressly in contemplation of litigation). The Debtors shall

provide copies of the Opening Statement and Mediation Response Statement to counsel to the statutory committee of unsecured creditors (the "Creditors' Committee") upon request, on a confidential basis. At the Mediator's discretion and direction, the parties may submit additional, confidential letters or statements to the Mediator, which shall receive "Mediator's-eyes-only" treatment.

#### (d) The Mediation Session

Unless otherwise agreed by the parties or as provided herein, the Mediation session must occur no later than sixty (60) days after the date on which the Mediator is appointed. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the Mediation session is open only to the parties and their respective counsel, and insurers (if any).

## (e) Treatment of Mediation Settlement

If the Mediation results in a settlement of the Designated Claim, such settlement shall be subject to the terms of Section II.D below. If the Mediation of a Designated Claim does not result in a settlement of the Designated Claim, the Designated Claim shall be subject to Section II.C or II.E below.

# (f) Modification of the Mediation Procedures

The Mediation procedures described herein may be modified upon the mutual written consent of the Debtors and the Designated Claimant.

# C. <u>Arbitration</u>

## 1. <u>Binding Arbitration</u>

If the Designated Claimant and the Debtors have consented to binding arbitration under Section II.A.4 above, the Designated Claim will be arbitrated under the terms of this Section II.C if such claim is not resolved in the Offer Exchange Procedures or Mediation. If the Designated Claimant has expressly indicated that it does not consent to binding arbitration in its

response to the ADR Notice and has not subsequently opted in to binding arbitration pursuant to Section II.A.4 above, the Designated Claim shall be resolved in the Bankruptcy Court by the Debtors' commencement of proceedings pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, including without limitation, estimating or objecting to the Designated Claims. Any party to an arbitration that fails to participate in the arbitration in good faith, on the terms described herein, may be subject to sanctions under Section II.F below.

### 2. Arbitration Notice

To initiate the arbitration process for a Designated Claim, the Debtors shall serve a notice of arbitration (the "**Arbitration Notice**"), with a copy of the Designated Claimant's applicable proof(s) of claim attached, on the Designated Claimant, the Creditors' Committee, and the American Arbitration Association (the "**AAA**").<sup>4</sup>

#### 3. *Arbitration Rules and Procedures*

For Designated Claims that are not designated by the Debtors as Complex Designated Claims (as defined below), the arbitration of all Designated Claims shall be conducted by a single arbitrator selected pursuant to the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the AAA. The arbitrator shall be governed by the commercial arbitration rules of the AAA then in effect (the "Arbitration Rules"), except where the Arbitration Rules are expressly modified in the ADR Procedures.<sup>5</sup>

The Debtors may, at their discretion, designate certain Designated Claims as complex designated claims (the "Complex Designated Claims"). The arbitration of all

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The form of the Arbitration Notice is attached hereto as **Annex 3** and incorporated herein by reference. The Debtors anticipate that the Arbitration Notice will be substantially in the form of Annex 3; however, the Debtors reserve the right to modify the Arbitration Notice, as necessary or appropriate, consistent with the terms of the ADR Procedures.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> In the event of any conflict between the Arbitration Rules and the ADR Procedures, the ADR Procedures shall control

Complex Designated Claims shall be conducted by a panel of three arbitrators selected pursuant to the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the AAA. The AAA Procedures for Large, Complex Commercial Disputes, in addition to the Commercial Rules of Arbitration, shall be used for arbitration of all Complex Designated Claims; provided, however, unless otherwise agreed by the parties, (i) the AAA shall appoint a panel of three (3) arbitrators, as provided in this Section and Section II.C.3(g) and (ii) the arbitration hearing on a Complex Designated Claim must be held no later than ninety (90) days after the date of appointment of the arbitrator(s), as provided in Section II.C.3(k). Finally, the AAA Supplementary Rules for Class Arbitrations shall also be used for all Class Claims, including those related to class certification and the Class Determination Award (as defined in Rule 5 of the AAA Supplementary Rules for Class Arbitrations), except that the arbitrator(s) shall not make a Clause Construction Award (as defined in Rule 3 of the AAA Supplementary Rules for Class Arbitrations), or determine that a Class Claim is not arbitrable for failure for each class member to have entered into an arbitration agreement, the Court having specifically found that the ADR Procedures are applicable to Class Claims notwithstanding the absence of a written agreement to arbitrate.<sup>6</sup>

#### (a) Governing Law

The ADR Procedures, as they relate to arbitration proceedings, are governed by the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 1, *et seq.* (the "**Federal Arbitration Act**"), and the enforceability of an arbitration award is governed by Section 9 of the Federal Arbitration Act, except as modified herein.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> In the event of any conflict between the AAA Supplementary Rules for Class Arbitrations and the ADR Procedures, the ADR Procedures shall control.

#### (b) Fees and Costs for Binding Arbitration; Sharing

Unless the parties expressly have agreed otherwise in writing (either prepetition or postpetition) as part of an agreement to submit claims to binding arbitration, the fees and costs charged by the AAA and the arbitrator(s) shall be shared equally by the Debtors and the Designated Claimant; *provided*, *however*, that the arbitrator(s), in the arbitrator(s)' sole discretion, may assess fees and costs against any party that the arbitrator(s) finds to be abusing or unduly delaying the arbitration process. The AAA shall submit invoices to the Designated Claimants and the Debtors according to the AAA's ordinary invoicing practices then in effect and subject to the AAA's ordinary payment terms then in effect. For purposes of clarity, these costs shall not include travel expenses of the parties.

## (c) Impartiality and Qualifications of Arbitrators

In designating the arbitrator in accordance with the procedures described below, the AAA shall review the Arbitration Notice and the applicable Designated Claim. Any person appointed as an arbitrator must: (i) be an impartial, neutral person; (ii) be experienced (either from past arbitrations or former employment) in the law that is the subject of the Designated Claim; (iii) have no financial or personal interest in the proceedings or, except when otherwise agreed by the parties, in any related matter; and (iv) upon appointment, disclose any circumstances likely to create a reasonable inference of bias. In the event that an arbitrator discloses circumstances likely to create a reasonable inference of bias, such arbitrator may be replaced by the AAA at the written request of the Debtors or the Designated Claimant within ten (10) days after such disclosure.

#### (d) *Time and Location of Arbitration Hearings*

All arbitration hearings shall be conducted in either (i) New York, New York; (ii) Detroit, Michigan; (iii) Dallas, Texas; or (iv) San Francisco, California (collectively, the "Arbitration Locations"). To the maximum extent practicable, the scheduling and location of arbitration hearings shall give due consideration to the proximity of the Designated Claimant and to the convenience of the parties to the Arbitration Location. Within ten (10) days of appointment, the arbitrator(s) shall conduct a preliminary hearing pursuant to AAA Commercial Arbitration Rule 20. Notwithstanding anything set forth herein or in the ADR Order to the contrary, the Creditors' Committee, through its counsel, shall be permitted to participate in the arbitration hearings to the same extent the Creditors' Committee would be permitted to participate in claims litigation in the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to sections 502, 1103, 1109(b), or any other applicable section of the Bankruptcy Code.

#### (e) Appeals of Arbitration Awards

All arbitration awards shall be final and binding. Other than the identities of the applicable Debtors and Designated Claimants, the claims register number(s) assigned to the applicable arbitrated Designated Claims and the priority and dollar amounts of the Designated Claims as awarded in the arbitration awards, and except as otherwise required by law or agreed upon by the parties, all arbitration awards shall be treated as confidential. No party shall have the right to appeal an arbitration award except pursuant to the appeal provisions of the Federal Arbitration Act, in which case any appeal must be to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Any appeal shall be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act. The parties shall have ten (10) days from the date the arbitration award is served to appeal such award. Failure to timely appeal shall result in the loss of any appeal rights. Once any appeal has

concluded or appellate rights are waived, the Debtors shall update the claims docket in their chapter 11 cases accordingly and may file any notice of the liquidated amount of the Designated Claim that they deem necessary or appropriate for such purpose.

#### (f) *Modification of the Arbitration Procedures*

The arbitration procedures described herein may be modified only upon the mutual consent of the Debtors and the Designated Claimant. In addition, the Debtors shall consult with the Creditors' Committee prior to any modification to the arbitration procedures.

#### (g) Appointment of the Arbitrator

Within 5 five days of receiving the applicable Arbitration Notice, the AAA shall commence the following procedures for the appointment of arbitrator(s) (the "Appointment of Arbitrator(s) Procedures") by concurrently sending by electronic transmission or facsimile, to the Debtors and the applicable Designated Claimant, an identical list of the names of at least eight (8) arbitrator candidates who meet the qualifications necessary for the matter. The Debtors and the applicable Designated Claimant shall have seven (7) business days from the date this list is served to (i) strike two (2) names from the proposed list, (ii) list the remaining names in order of preference, and (iii) return the list to the AAA. In the event that the Designated Claim is not a Complex Designated Claim, the AAA shall appoint a single arbitrator from the name(s) not stricken, giving consideration first to the preferences of the parties and second to scheduling and the availability of the arbitrator. In the event that the Designated Claim is a Complex Designated Claim, the AAA shall appoint a panel of three (3) arbitrators from the name(s) not stricken, giving consideration first to the preferences of the parties and second to the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> If, for any reason, there are more than two parties to an arbitration, AAA shall identify a number of potential arbitrators equal to the number of parties, plus one, and the remaining selection proceedings shall otherwise govern. Affiliated entities are considered a single party for this purpose. The Creditors' Committee shall have no role in the arbitrator selection process.

scheduling and the availability of the arbitrators. The AAA shall appoint the arbitrator(s) in accordance with the Appointment of Arbitrator(s) Procedures within ten (10) business days of its receipt of the applicable Arbitration Notice.

# (h) Pre-Hearing Matters

Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, any pre-hearing issues, matters or disputes (other than with respect to merits issues) shall be presented to the arbitrator(s) telephonically (or by such other method agreed to by the arbitrator(s) and the parties) for expeditious, final, and binding resolution. Upon a party's request, the arbitrator(s) may order that a substantive motion, such as a motion for summary judgment, be heard in person rather than telephonically. Any pre-hearing issue, matter, or dispute (other than with respect to merits issues) must be presented to the arbitrator(s) not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the arbitration hearing so as to permit the arbitrator(s) to review and rule upon the requests by telephonic or electronic communication at least five days prior to the arbitration hearing.

#### (i) Discovery

Unless the Designated Claim is a Complex Designated Claim, there shall be no interrogatories. Any requests for production of documents, electronically-stored information and things ("Document Requests") shall be made in writing and shall be limited to no more than twenty (20) requests, including discrete subparts. Items requested in the Document Requests must be produced within thirty (30) days after service of the Document Requests. All documents from discovery shall be confidential and shall not be (i) disclosed to any person or party not participating in the arbitration proceeding or (ii) used for any purpose other than in connection with the arbitration proceeding, except as provided herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon request of the Creditors' Committee, the Debtors shall provide to the Creditors' Committee, on a

confidential basis, copies of all discovery materials produced pursuant to this Section II.C.3(i) for any particular Designated Claim.

#### (j) Pre-Arbitration Statement

Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, on or before ten (10) days prior to the scheduled arbitration hearing, each party shall submit to the arbitrator(s) and serve on the other party or parties and the Creditors' Committee by overnight mail a pre-arbitration statement not to exceed fifteen (15) pages, excluding any attachments. On or before ten (10) days prior to the scheduled arbitration hearing, the Creditors' Committee may submit a short statement, not to exceed five (5) pages, to the arbitrator(s) and serve such statement on the parties to the arbitration.

## (k) Arbitration Hearing

Unless otherwise agreed by the parties and the arbitrator(s) or as provided herein, the arbitration hearing on a Designated Claim must be held no later than ninety (90) days after the date of appointment of the arbitrator(s). The arbitration hearing is open only to the parties and their respective counsel, insurers (if any), and witnesses. In addition, notwithstanding anything else set forth herein or in the ADR Order to the contrary, the Creditors' Committee, through its counsel, shall be permitted to attend and participate in the arbitration hearing to the same extent the Creditors' Committee would be permitted to participate in claims litigation in the Bankruptcy Court, pursuant to sections 502, 1103, 1109(b), and any other applicable section of the Bankruptcy Code. Nonparty witnesses shall be sequestered. No posthearing briefs may be submitted, unless the arbitrator(s) requests briefs, in which case such briefing shall be subject to the issues, timing, and page limitations the arbitrator(s) imposes. There shall be no reply briefs.

#### (1) Awards

The arbitrator(s) shall issue a written, reasoned opinion and award (the "Arbitration Award") within fourteen (14) days after the arbitration hearing. The arbitrator(s) shall not be compensated for more than eight hours of deliberations on and preparation of the Arbitration Award for a Designated Claim. Any Arbitration Award shall be an allowed general unsecured nonpriority claim against the Debtor identified in the Arbitration Award (or if no Debtor is identified in the Arbitration Award, the claim shall be deemed to be against the Debtor identified in the Designated Claimant's applicable proof of claim included with the service of the Arbitration Notice, unless otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court). The Arbitration Award may not award a priority claim or otherwise determine the priority of the claim under the Bankruptcy Code; provided, however, that, within thirty (30) days after the issuance of an Arbitration Award, the Designated Claimant may seek relief from the Bankruptcy Court to determine that some or all of the Arbitration Award is subject to treatment as a priority claim if the Designated Claimant's applicable proof of claim filed as of the date of filing of the ADR Order asserted an entitlement to such priority. Further, no portion of a claim resulting from any Arbitration Award shall be allowed to the extent that it consists of (a) punitive damages; (b) interest, attorneys' fees, or other fees and costs, unless permissible under section 506(b) of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) an award under any penalty rate or penalty provision of the type specified in section 365(b)(2)(D) of the Bankruptcy Code; (d) amounts associated with obligations that are subject to disallowance under section 502(b) of the Bankruptcy Code; (e) specific performance, other compulsory injunctive relief, restrictive, restraining, or prohibitive injunctive relief or any other form of equitable remedy; or (f) any relief not among the foregoing but otherwise impermissible under applicable bankruptcy or nonbankruptcy law. The Debtors and the

Creditors' Committee shall have the right within thirty (30) days after the issuance of an Arbitration Awards to file a motion seeking relief from the Bankruptcy Court to enforce the preceding sentence and obtain the disallowance of any portion of a claim included in an Arbitration Award in violation of clauses (a) through (f) herein. In all cases, the awarded claim shall be subject to treatment in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases as set forth in any order(s) confirming a chapter 11 plan or plans, or in such other applicable order of the Bankruptcy Court. The entry of an Arbitration Award shall not grant the Designated Claimant any enforcement or collection rights.

### **D.** Settlements of Designated Claims

1. Settlements Permitted at Any Stage of the ADR Procedures

Designated Claims may be settled by the Debtors and a Designated Claimant through the Offer Exchange Procedures, Mediation, or by agreement at any point during these ADR Procedures. Nothing herein shall prevent the parties from settling any claim at any time.

### 2. Settlement Authority and Approvals

Nothing herein shall limit, expand, or otherwise modify the Debtors' authority to settle claims pursuant to orders of the Bankruptcy Court then in effect, including without limitation the Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105(a) and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3007 and 9019(b) authorizing the Debtors to (i) File Omnibus Claims Objections and (ii) Establish Procedures for Settling Certain Claims, entered on October 6, 2006 [Docket No. 4180] (the "Claims Procedures and Settlement Order") and any future order(s) confirming a chapter 11 plan or plans in these cases (collectively, the "Settlement Authority Orders"). Any settlements of claims pursuant to, or in connection with, the ADR Procedures shall be approved consistent with the terms, conditions, and limitations set forth in the applicable Settlement Authority Orders.

The Debtors shall be requested to seek Bankruptcy Court approval of such settlements only to

the extent that (a) such approval is required by the terms of the Settlement Authority Orders or (b) the settlement falls outside of the authority granted in the Settlement Authority Orders and otherwise requires Bankruptcy Court approval.

# E. Failure to Resolve a Designated Claim Through ADR Procedures

### 1. Litigation Generally

Claims not resolved through the ADR Procedures shall proceed to litigation for resolution. Notwithstanding anything herein, the Debtors may terminate the ADR Procedures at any time prior to serving the Arbitration Notice and proceed to litigation of the Designated Claim as set forth herein.

## 2. <u>Litigation in the Bankruptcy Court</u>

Designated Claim is not resolved by the ADR Procedures (an "Unresolved Designated Claim"), litigation of such Unresolved Designated Claim shall proceed in the Bankruptcy Court by the commencement by the Debtors of proceedings consistent with the terms, conditions, and limitations set forth in the Claims Procedures Order or other applicable procedures or orders, as soon as reasonably practicable upon completion of the ADR Procedures for the Unresolved Designated Claim, to the extent that (a) the Bankruptcy Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the Unresolved Designated Claim and (b) the Unresolved Designated Claim is not subject to the abstention provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1334(c). Disputes over the subject matter jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court or the application of abstention shall be determined by the Bankruptcy Court.

## 3. <u>Litigation in Other Courts</u>

If the Unresolved Designated Claim cannot be adjudicated in the Bankruptcy

Court as a result of abstention or because of lack of or limitations upon subject matter

jurisdiction (as determined by the Bankruptcy Court), then, subject to the terms and conditions

set forth in Section II.E.4 below, litigation of such Unresolved Designated Claim shall proceed
(a) if the Unresolved Designated Claim was pending in a nonbankruptcy forum on the date the
Debtors commenced their respective voluntary chapter 11 cases (the "Commencement Date"),
then (i) in such nonbankruptcy forum, subject to the Debtors' right to seek removal or transfer of
venue or (ii) in such other forum as determined by the Bankruptcy Court on request of the
Debtors;<sup>8</sup> or (b) if the Unresolved Designated Claim was not pending in any forum on the
Commencement Date, then in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New
York or such other nonbankruptcy forum that, as applicable, (i) has personal jurisdiction over the
parties, (ii) has subject matter jurisdiction over the Unresolved Designated Claim, (iii) has in rem
jurisdiction over the property involved in the Unresolved Designated Claim (if applicable) and
(iv) is a proper venue. If necessary, any disputes regarding the applicability of this Section II.E.3
shall be determined by the Bankruptcy Court.

## 4. *Modification of the Automatic Stay*

If litigation of an Unresolved Designated Claim in a forum other than the Bankruptcy Court is required as set forth in Section II.E.3 above, the ADR Order provides that the automatic stay imposed by section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code, or any subsequent Plan Injunction (collectively, the "Stay"), shall be modified solely to the extent necessary to permit the liquidation of the amount of such Unresolved Designated Claim in the appropriate forum; provided, however, that any such liquidated claim (a) shall be subject to treatment under the applicable chapter 11 plan or plans confirmed in these cases; and (b) shall be treated as a general unsecured nonpriority claim against the Debtor identified in the judgment, unless otherwise

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The Debtors may elect to file a motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C.§ 157(b)(5) to remove to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York any Unresolved Designated Claim (along with any other unliquidated and litigation claims asserted against the Debtors) where the underlying claim is a personal injury claim or wrongful death claim.

determined and ordered by the Bankruptcy Court. No later than forty-five (45) days after the Bankruptcy Court determines that the terms of Section II.E.3 above applies to an Unresolved Designated Claim or at such other time as agreed to by the parties, the Debtors shall either (a) file a notice of such modification of the Stay (a "Notice of Stay Modification") with the Bankruptcy Court and serve a copy of such notice on the Designated Claimant and the Creditors' Committee or (b) file a motion seeking an order governing the terms upon which the Stay will be modified (a "Stay Motion") and serve such Stay Motion on the Designated Claimant and the Creditors' Committee. The Stay shall be modified solely to the extent set forth above (a) as of the date that is forty-five (45) days after the filing of a Notice of Stay Modification, unless the Bankruptcy Court orders otherwise or the parties otherwise agree; or (b) as ordered by the Court in connection with a Stay Motion. If the Debtors fail to file a Notice of Stay Modification or a Stay Motion for any reason with respect to an Unresolved Designated Claim, the Stay shall remain in effect with respect to such Unresolved Designated Claim and the Designated Claimant may seek a determination of the Bankruptcy Court regarding whether and on what terms the Stay must be modified to permit litigation in a nonbankruptcy forum as set forth in Section II.E.3 above.

# F. Failure to Comply with the ADR Procedures

If a Designated Claimant or the Debtors fail to comply with the ADR Procedures, negotiate in good faith, or cooperate as may be necessary to effectuate the ADR Procedures, the Bankruptcy Court may, after notice and a hearing, find such conduct to be in violation of the ADR Order or, with respect to a Designated Claimant, an abandonment of or failure to prosecute the Designated Claim, or both. Upon such findings, the Bankruptcy Court may, among other things, disallow and expunge the Designated Claim, in whole or part, or grant such other or

further remedy deemed just and appropriate under the circumstances, including, without limitation, awarding attorneys' fees, other fees, and costs to the other party.

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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK In re Chapter 11 Case No. MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY, et al., 09-50026 (REG) f/k/a General Motors Corp., et al. Debtors. (Jointly Administered) ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION NOTICE Service Date: Claimant(s): Claimant(s)' Address: Designated Claim Number(s): Amount(s) Stated in Proof(s) of Claim:

### **Deadline to Respond:**

By this notice (the "ADR Notice"), Motors Liquidation Company (f/k/a General Motors Corporation) and its affiliated debtors, as debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") designate the above-identified claim(s) (the "Designated Claim(s)") in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases and submit the Designated Claim(s) to alternative dispute resolution, pursuant to the procedures (the "ADR Procedures") established by the Amended Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105(a) and General Order M-390 Authorizing Implementation of Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures, Including Mandatory Mediation entered by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Court") on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2010 and the Supplemental Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105(a) and General Order M-390 Authorizing Implementation of Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures, Including Mandatory Mediation entered by the Bankruptcy Court on April 29, 2010 (together, the "ADR Order"). A complete copy of the ADR Procedures is enclosed for your reference.

The Debtors have reviewed your Designated Claim(s) and, pursuant to the ADR Procedures, offer the amounts set forth below for allowance of your Designated Claim(s) as [a] prepetition general unsecured nonpriority claim(s) in full satisfaction of the Designated Claim(s) (the "Settlement Offer").

You are required to return this ADR Notice with a Claimant's Response (as defined below) to the Settlement Offer by no later than the **Deadline to Respond** indicated above.

In addition, to the extent your most recent proofs) of claim **[does]/[do]** not: (a) state the correct amount of your Designated Claim(s); (b) expressly identify each and every cause of action and legal theory on which you base your Designated Claim(s); (c) include current, correct, and complete contact information of your counsel or other representative; or (d) provide all documents on which you rely in support of your Designated Claim(s), you hereby are requested to provide all such information and documentation with your Claimant's Response.

If you do not return this ADR Notice with the requested information and a Claimant's Response to the Settlement Offer to [**Debtor's Representative**] so that it is received by the Deadline to Respond, your Designated Claims will be subject to mandatory mediation as set forth in Section II.B of the ADR Procedures.

IN ADDITION, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO INDICATE EXPRESSLY WHETHER YOU CONSENT TO **BINDING ARBITRATION** IF YOUR DESIGNATED CLAIM(S) CANNOT BE SETTLED. PLEASE MARK THE BOX BELOW INDICATING WHETHER YOU (i) CONSENT TO **BINDING ARBITRATION** OR (ii) **DO NOT** CONSENT TO (AND SEEK TO **OPT OUT** OF) **BINDING ARBITRATION**. PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR CONSENT TO **BINDING ARBITRATION** CANNOT SUBSEQUENTLY BE WITHDRAWN. IN ADDITION, ANY ATTEMPT TO OPT OUT OF **BINDING ARBITRATION** IN THE RESPONSE TO THIS ADR NOTICE SHALL BE INEFFECTIVE IF YOU PREVIOUSLY HAVE CONSENTED IN WRITING (EITHER PREPETITION OR POSTPETITION) TO **BINDING ARBITRATION** AS A MEANS TO RESOLVE YOUR CLAIM(S).

Details about the arbitration process, including the sharing of fees, are set forth in Section II.C of the ADR Procedures.

#### YOU MUST RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING SETTLEMENT OFFER:

Settlement Offer: The Debtors offer you an allowed general unsecured, nonpriority claim in the amount of \$ against [Name of Debtor] in full satisfaction of your Designated Claim(s), to be satisfied in accordance with any plan or plans of reorganization confirmed and implemented in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases.		
The only permitted response (the "Claimant's Response") to the Settlement Offer are (a) acceptance of the Settlement Offer or (b) rejection of the Settlement Offer coupl with a counteroffer (a "Counteroffer"). Accordingly, please select your Claimant's Respons below:		
Please indicate below if you accept or reject the Debtors' Settlement Offer by marking the appropriate box. If you reject the Settlement Offer, please make your counteroffer where indicated.   I/we agree to and accept the terms of the Settlement Offer.		
<u>or</u>		

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I/we reject the Settlement Offer. However Counteroffer, the following allowed claim in		
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*Note - If you choose a different priority, you relevant documentation.	must attach an explanation and any	
Your Counteroffer may not (a) improve the proof of claim or amended proof of claim, or defined in the ADR Order) or the amount set	cedures sets forth the restrictions on Counteroffers, riority set forth in your most recent timely-filed (b) exceed the lesser of the Claim Amount Cap (as forth in your most recent timely-filed proof of may not amend your proof of claim solely for the ner amount or a better priority.	
Please indicate below whether you consent to Claim(s) by marking the appropriate box.	binding arbitration for your Designated	
☐ I/ WE CONSENT TO BINDING ARBIT	TRATION.	
<u>or</u>		
☐ I/WE DO NOT CONSENT TO BINDING	G ARBITRATION.	
	[Signature of the Designated Claimant's Authorized Representative]	d
By:	Printed Name	

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
In re	Chapter 11 Case No.
MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY, et al., : f/k/a General Motors Corp., et al. :	09-50026 (REG)
Debtors. :	(Jointly Administered)
NOTICE OF NONBINDING	G MEDIATION
Service Date:	
Claimant(s):	
Claimant(s)' Address:	
Designated Claim Number(s):	
Amount(s) Stated in Proof(s) of Claim:	
Mediation Location:	
By this Mediation Notice, Motors Liqui Corporation) and its affiliated debtors, as debtors in posubmit the above-identified claim(s) (the "Designated cases to mediation, pursuant to the procedures (the "Al Amended Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §105(a) and Ge Implementation of Alternative Dispute Resolution Procentered by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the "Bankruptcy Court") on	Claim(s)") in the Debtors' chapter 11 DR Procedures") established by the eneral Order M-390 Authorizing cedures, Including Mandatory Mediation, Southern District of New York (the pplemental Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. mentation of Alternative Dispute in entered by the Bankruptcy Court on live your Designated Claim(s) on a Procedures of the ADR Procedures, or the

As provided for in the ADR Procedures, mediation shall be conducted in the Mediation Location set forth above, unless the parties agrees to a different location. As further

provided in the ADR Procedures, you have ten (10) days to choose one of the individuals identified on the list of mediators enclosed with this Mediation Notice to conduct the mediation.

A complete copy of the ADR Procedures is enclosed for your reference. Please refer to Section II.C of the ADR Procedures, concerning mediation.

[Signature of the Debtors' Authorized Person]

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	Chapter 11 Case No.
: : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	09-50026 (REG)
Debtors. :	(Jointly Administered)
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NOTICE OF BINDING A Service Date:	ARBITRATION
Claimant(s):	
Claimant(s)' Address:	
Designated Claim Number(s):	
Amount(s) Stated in Proof(s) of Claim:	
Arbitration Location:	
By this Arbitration Notice, Motors Liquotoporation) and its affiliated debtors, as debtors in pursuant the above-identified claim(s) (the "Designated cases to binding arbitration, pursuant to the proceduty the Amended Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105(a Implementation of Alternative Dispute Resolution Proceduted by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the "Bankruptcy Court") on	d Claim(s)") in the Debtors' chapter 11 ares (the "ADR Procedures") established and General Order M-390 Authorizing occdures, Including Mandatory Mediation, a Southern District of New York (the Supplemental Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. ementation of Alternative Dispute on entered by the Bankruptcy Court on olve your Designated Claim(s) on a

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU HAVE CONSENTED (OR ARE DEEMED TO HAVE CONSENTED) TO BINDING ARBITRATION. THEREFORE, YOUR DESIGNATED CLAIM(S) WILL PROCEED TO BINDING ARBITRATION, PURSUANT TO THE ADR PROCEDURES.

As provided for in the ADR Procedures, an arbitrator will be appointed through the American Arbitration Association ("AAA"). The ADR Procedures require you and the Debtors to share the administrative fees and costs of arbitration charged by the AAA and the arbitrator.

A complete copy of the ADR Procedures is enclosed for your reference. Please refer to Section II.C of the ADR Procedures, concerning binding arbitration.

[Signature of the Debtors' Authorized Person]

# Exhibit B Schedule of Mediators

# Dallas, Texas

Name	Experience
Burdin, Mary	Personal injury, products liability
Damuth, Brenda J.	Personal injury, products liability
Grissom, Jerry	Class actions, personal injury, products liability
Hale, Earl F.	Complex business disputes
Lopez, Hon. Carlos G.	Personal injury, products liability
Martin, Hon. Harlan	Complex business disputes, personal injury, products liability
Nolland, Christopher	Complex business disputes, class actions
Parker, Walter E. "Rip"	Personal injury, products liability, complex disputes
Pryor, Will	Personal injury, products liability, complex business disputes
Rubenstein, Kenneth J.	Personal injury, products liability, complex business disputes
Stoddard, Ross	Personal injury, products liability, complex business disputes
Young, James	Class actions, complex business disputes, insurance disputes,
	personal injury

# New York, New York

Name	Experience
Carling, Francis	Products liability, personal injury
Cyganowski, Melanie	Complex business disputes
Ellerin, Hon. Betty	Complex business disputes, products liability, personal injury,
,	class actions
Farber, Eugene I.	Products liability
Feerick, Kevin	Complex business disputes, products liability
Gafni, Abraham J.	Complex business disputes, products liability, personal injury
Holtzman, Eric H.	Products liability
Hyman, Ms. Chris Stern	Insurance disputes
Leber, Bernice K.	Complex business disputes
Levin, Jack P.	Class actions, breach of warranty claims, products liability
McAllister, Michael T.	Personal injury, products liability
McLaughlin, Hon. Joseph	Complex business disputes, class actions
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Ricchiuti, Joseph F.	Complex business disputes, products liability, personal injury,
	class actions
Silbermann, Hon.	Complex business disputes, products liability, personal injury,
Jacqueline W.	class actions
Woodin, Peter H.	Complex business disputes, products liability, personal injury,
	class actions

# Detroit, Michigan

Name	Experience
Connor, Laurence D.	Complex business disputes
Harrison, Michael G.	Personal injury
Kaufman, Richard C.	Personal injury
Muth, Jon R.	Complex business disputes, class actions
Pappas, Edward H.	Complex business disputes, products liability

# San Fancisco, California

Name	Experience
Cahill, Hon. William J.	Complex business disputes, products liability, personal injury,
	class actions
Denver, Thomas	Products liability, personal injury
Infante, Hon. Edward A.	Complex business disputes
Komar, Hon. Jack	Products liability class actions, mass torts
Lynch, Hon. Eugene F.	Complex business disputes
McLean, William	Complex business disputes, products liability, personal injury
McPharlin, Linda Hendrix	Complex business disputes
Needham, Craig	Products liability, personal injury
Williams, John R. (Jack)	Products liability, personal injury
Wulff, Randall W.	Complex business disputes, products liability, class actions

# Chicago, Illinois

Name	Experience
Anderson, Hon. Wayne R.	Complex business disputes, personal injury, products liability,
	class actions, mass torts
Cohn, Lynn	Personal injury, products liability, class actions
DiVito, Hon. Gino	Complex business disputes, products liability, personal injury
Dutenhaver, Katheryn M.	Complex business disputes, products liability, personal injury
Ginn, Bradley R.	Complex business disputes, products liability, personal injury
Neville, Hon. Richard E.	Complex business disputes, personal injury, products liability
Nudelman, Hon. Stuart A.	Complex business disputes, personal injury, products liability
Sullivan, Hon. James E.	Complex business disputes, personal injury, products liability,
	class actions

# Exhibit C

Form of Capping Claim Letter

[Date]
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## BY E-MAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Motors Liquidation Company 2101 Cedar Springs Road, Suite 1100 Dallas, TX 75201

Attn.: ADR Claims Team <a href="mailto:claims@motorsliquidation.com">claims@motorsliquidation.com</a>

Re: In re Motors Liquidation Company, et al. ("Debtors")
Case No. 09-50026 (REG) – Capping Proposal Letter

Dear Motors Liquidation Company,

Accordingly, I hereby propose to cap my claim at the amount specified below (the "Claim Amount Cap").

Claimant's Name	Proof of Claim No.	Original Filed Amount	Claim Amount Cap

I understand and agree that the Claim Amount Cap includes all damages and relief to which I believe I am entitled, including all interest, taxes, attorney's fees, other fees, and costs. If the Claim Amount Cap is accepted by the Debtors, I understand that I am required to submit my claim to the ADR Procedures and acknowledge that my claim may be a "Designated Claim" as such term is used under the ADR Procedures.

Very truly yours,			
Ву			
Address			
State			

cc: Pablo Falabella, Esq.
Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP
767 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10153
pablo.falabella@weil.com

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# EXHIBIT C

**ADR Notice** 

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re : Chapter 11 Case No.

MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY, et al., : 09-50026 (REG)

f/k/a General Motors Corp., et al.

Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)

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## **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION NOTICE**

Service Date: 12/9/2010

Matter Name: Torres Rodriguez Valeria

Notice Address:

ESTATE OF VALERIA TORRES-RODRIGUEZ C/O LUZARDO PENDAS ESQ 625 EAST COLONIAL DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32801

<u>Designated Claim Number</u> <u>Amount Stated in Proof of Claim</u> <u>Claim Amount Cap</u>

1038 \$10,000,000 N/A

Deadline to Respond: 12/30/2010

By this notice (the "ADR Notice"), Motors Liquidation Company (f/k/a General Motors Corporation) and its affiliated debtors, as debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") designate the above-identified claim (the "Designated Claim") in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases and submit the Designated Claim to alternative dispute resolution, pursuant to the procedures (the "ADR Procedures") established by the Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105(a) and General Order M-390 Authorizing Implementation of Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures, Including Mandatory Mediation (the "ADR Order"), entered by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Court") on February 23, 2010. A copy of the ADR Procedures is posted on the Debtors' website at www.motorsliquidation.com under the Claims Information tab. You may also contact the Debtors at 1-800-414-9607 or by e-mail at claims@motorsliquidation.com with questions about this matter.

The Debtors have reviewed your Designated Claim and, pursuant to the ADR Procedures, offer the amounts set forth below for allowance of your Designated Claim as [a] prepetition general unsecured nonpriority claim in full satisfaction of the Designated Claim (the "Settlement Offer").

You are required to return this ADR Notice with a Claimant's Response (as defined below) to the Settlement Offer by no later than the **Deadline to Respond** indicated above to:

Motors Liquidation Company 2101 Cedar Springs Road, Suite 1100 Dallas, TX 75201 Attn: ADR Claims Team claims@motorsliquidation.com

In addition, to the extent your most recent proofs) of claim not: (a) state the correct amount of your Designated Claim; (b) expressly identify each and every cause of action and legal theory on which you base your Designated Claim; (c) include current, correct, and complete contact information of your counsel or other representative; or (d) provide all documents on which you rely in support of your Designated Claim, you hereby are requested to provide all such information and documentation with your Claimant's Response.

If you do not return this ADR Notice with the requested information and a Claimant's Response to the Settlement Offer to Debtors so that it is received by the Deadline to Respond, your Designated Claims will be subject to mandatory mediation as set forth in Section II.B of the ADR Procedures.

IN ADDITION, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO INDICATE EXPRESSLY WHETHER YOU CONSENT TO **BINDING ARBITRATION** IF YOUR DESIGNATED CLAIM CANNOT BE SETTLED. PLEASE MARK THE BOX BELOW INDICATING WHETHER YOU (i) CONSENT TO **BINDING ARBITRATION** OR (ii) **DO NOT** CONSENT TO (AND SEEK TO **OPT OUT** OF) **BINDING ARBITRATION**. PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR CONSENT TO **BINDING ARBITRATION** CANNOT SUBSEQUENTLY BE WITHDRAWN. IN ADDITION, ANY ATTEMPT TO OPT OUT OF **BINDING ARBITRATION** IN THE RESPONSE TO THIS ADR NOTICE SHALL BE INEFFECTIVE IF YOU PREVIOUSLY HAVE CONSENTED IN WRITING (EITHER PREPETITION OR POSTPETITION) TO **BINDING ARBITRATION** AS A MEANS TO RESOLVE YOUR CLAIM.

Details about the arbitration process, including the sharing of fees, are set forth in Section II.C of the ADR Procedures.

#### YOU MUST RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING SETTLEMENT OFFER:

Settlement Offer: The Debtors offer you an allowed general unsecured, nonpriority claim in the amount of \$1,000 against Motors Liquidation Company in full satisfaction of your Designated Claim, to be satisfied in accordance with any plan or plans of reorganization confirmed and implemented in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases.

The only permitted response (the "Claimant's Response") to the Settlement Offer are (a) acceptance of the Settlement Offer or (b) rejection of the Settlement Offer coupled with a counteroffer (a "Counteroffer"). Accordingly, please select your Claimant's Response below:

Please indicate below if you accept or reject the Debtors' Settlement Offer by marking the appropriate box. If you reject the Settlement Offer, please make your counteroffer where indicated.		
☐ I/we agree to and accept the terms of the Settlement Offer.		
<u>or</u>		
I/we reject the Settlement Offer. However, I/we will accept, and propose as a Counteroffer, the following allowed claim in full satisfaction of the Designated Claim, to be satisfied in accordance with any plan or plans of reorganization confirmed and implemented in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases:		
Debtor:		
Amount: \$Priority: unsecured nonpriority claim (presumed) or other:*		
*Note - If you choose a different priority, you must attach an explanation and any relevant documentation.		
Section II.A.3 of the ADR Procedures sets forth the restrictions on Counteroffers. Your Counteroffer may not (a) improve the priority sets forth in your most recent timely-filed proof of claim or amended proof of claim, or (b) exceed the lesser of the Claim Amount Cap (as defined in the ADR Order) or the amount set forth in your most recent timely-filed proof of claim(s) or amended proof of claim. You may not amend your proof of claim solely for the purpose of proposing a Counteroffer of a higher amount or a better priority.		
Please indicate below whether you consent to binding arbitration for your Designated Claim by marking the appropriate box.		
☐ I/ WE CONSENT TO BINDING ARBITRATION.		
<u>or</u>		
☐ I/WE DO NOT CONSENT TO BINDING ARBITRATION.		

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	[Signature of the Designated Claimant's Authorized
	Representative]
By:	
•	Printed Name

# **EXHIBIT D**

Emails from A. Shepard

From: Shepard, Anneke Sent: Friday, February 25, 2011 4:18 PM

To: 'ltrias@pendaslaw.com' Cc: Franklin, Harold

FW: Torres-Rodriguez v. General Motors Subject:

Larry,

This e-mail follows up on the voicemail I left you yesterday. MLC still has not received a response from you regarding the Alternative Dispute Resolution Notice I forwarded to you in the e-mail below. Please provide a response at your earliest convenience. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Thanks,

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Anneke J. Shepard

King & Spalding LLP 1180 Peachtree Street, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30309 404.572.3504 direct 404.572.5140 fax ashepard@kslaw.com

From: Shepard, Anneke

Sent: Monday, January 31, 2011 11:55 AM

To: <a href="mailto:ltrias@pendaslaw.com">ltrias@pendaslaw.com</a>
Co: Franklin, Harold

Subject: RE: Torres-Rodriguez v. General Motors

Larry,

Per our conversation, attached please find the Alternative Dispute Resolution Notice. Again, please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Thanks,

Anneke J. Shepard

King & Spalding LLP 1180 Peachtree Street, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30309 404.572.3504 direct 404.572.5140 fax ashepard@kslaw.com

From: Shepard, Anneke

Sent: Monday, January 31, 2011 10:29 AM

To: 'Itrias@pendaslaw.com'

Cc: Franklin, Harold

Subject: Torres-Rodriguez v. General Motors

Laurence,

This e-mail follows up on messages left with your firm by Harold Franklin and myself over the last two weeks. As you are aware, Motors Liquidation Company ("MLC") sent an Alternative Dispute Resolution Notice to your firm regarding the above referenced case in which it made a settlement offer. The Notice requires that you either accept the settlement offer or reject the offer and make a counter-offer. MLC still awaits your response. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Thanks,

Anneke J. Shepard

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# **EXHIBIT E**

Ltr. from M. Allen to L. Pendas dated Mar. 16, 2011

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200 Crescent Court, Suite 300 Dallas, TX 75201-6950 +1 214 746 7700 tel +1 214 746 7777 fax Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

Margaret Hope Allen +1 214 746 8137 margaret.allen@weil.com

March 16, 2011

BY FEDERAL EXPRESS

Luzardo Pendas, Esq. 625 East Colonial Drive Orlando, FL 32801

Re: Proof of Claim No. 1038 (the "Claim"), In re Motors Liquidation Co. (f/k/a General Motors Corp.), et al., Case No. 09-50026, pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Court"). [Torres Matter]

Mr. Pendas:

I write as counsel for Motors Liquidation Company in connection with the above-referenced bankruptcy proceedings, and as a follow up to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Notice (the "ADR Notice") sent to you on December 9, 2010. A copy of the ADR Notice is enclosed.

Pursuant to the ADR Notice, the Claim was previously designated under the alternative dispute resolution procedures (the "ADR Procedures") established by the Amended Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §105(a) and General Order M-390 Authorizing Implementation of Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures, Including Mandatory Mediation, entered by the Bankruptcy Court on October 25, 2010 (the "ADR Order").

Under the ADR Order, you were required to respond to the ADR Notice by December 30, 2010. You failed to respond. Since January, the Debtors have attempted to contact you numerous times in a good faith attempt to resolve the Claim. Specifically, the Debtors have left numerous phone messages and written you numerous emails, requesting that you respond to the ADR Notice as required by the ADR Order. So far, you have failed to respond to the ADR Notice.

In an effort to preserve the resources of the Debtors' estates, the Debtors are willing to give you one last chance to either withdraw the Claims or comply with the ADR Procedures. Accordingly, by 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on March 23, 2011, please either (1) execute and return the enclosed withdrawal of claim form and return it to me, or (2) respond to the ADR Notice.

Should you fail to respond accordingly, or otherwise continue to fail to comply with the ADR Procedures, the Debtors will seek disallowance and expunction of the Claim. Further, the Debtors reserve any and all rights to seek additional sanctions against you pursuant to Section II.F of the ADR Procedures, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees and costs.

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Margaret Hope Allen

cc: Angela C. Zambrano, Esq. (via email)

Enclosures

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re : Chapter 11 Case No.

MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY, et al., : 09-50026 (REG)

f/k/a General Motors Corp., et al.

Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION NOTICE

Service Date: 12/9/2010

Matter Name: Torres Rodriguez Valeria

Notice Address:

ESTATE OF VALERIA TORRES-RODRIGUEZ C/O LUZARDO PENDAS ESQ 625 EAST COLONIAL DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32801

Designated Claim Number Amount Stated in Proof of Claim Claim Amount Cap

1038 \$10,000,000 N/A

Deadline to Respond: 12/30/2010

By this notice (the "ADR Notice"), Motors Liquidation Company (f/k/a General Motors Corporation) and its affiliated debtors, as debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") designate the above-identified claim (the "Designated Claim") in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases and submit the Designated Claim to alternative dispute resolution, pursuant to the procedures (the "ADR Procedures") established by the Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105(a) and General Order M-390 Authorizing Implementation of Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures, Including Mandatory Mediation (the "ADR Order"), entered by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Court") on February 23, 2010. A copy of the ADR Procedures is posted on the Debtors' website at www.motorsliquidation.com under the Claims Information tab. You may also contact the Debtors at 1-800-414-9607 or by e-mail at claims@motorsliquidation.com with questions about this matter.

The Debtors have reviewed your Designated Claim and, pursuant to the ADR Procedures, offer the amounts set forth below for allowance of your Designated Claim as [a] prepetition general unsecured nonpriority claim in full satisfaction of the Designated Claim (the "Settlement Offer").

You are required to return this ADR Notice with a Claimant's Response (as defined below) to the Settlement Offer by no later than the **Deadline to Respond** indicated above to:

Motors Liquidation Company 2101 Cedar Springs Road, Suite 1100 Dallas, TX 75201 Attn: ADR Claims Team claims@motorsliquidation.com

In addition, to the extent your most recent proofs) of claim not: (a) state the correct amount of your Designated Claim; (b) expressly identify each and every cause of action and legal theory on which you base your Designated Claim; (c) include current, correct, and complete contact information of your counsel or other representative; or (d) provide all documents on which you rely in support of your Designated Claim, you hereby are requested to provide all such information and documentation with your Claimant's Response.

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Details about the arbitration process, including the sharing of fees, are set forth in Section II.C of the ADR Procedures.

## YOU MUST RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING SETTLEMENT OFFER:

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Please indicate below if you accept or reject the Debtors' Settlement Offer by marking the appropriate box. If you reject the Settlement Offer, please make your counteroffer where indicated.
I/we agree to and accept the terms of the Settlement Offer.
<u>or</u>
I/we reject the Settlement Offer. However, I/we will accept, and propose as a Counteroffer, the following allowed claim in full satisfaction of the Designated Claim, to be satisfied in accordance with any plan or plans of reorganization confirmed and implemented in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases:
Debtor: Amount: \$ Priority: unsecured nonpriority claim (presumed) or other:*
*Note - If you choose a different priority, you must attach an explanation and any relevant documentation.
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	[Signature of the Designated Claimant's Authorized Representative]
<b>D</b>	-
Ву:	Printed Name

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

## WITHDRAWAL OF CLAIM

Debtor Name and Case Number:	Motors Liquidation Company, Case No. 09-50026
	☐ MLC of Harlem, Inc., Case No. 09-13558
	☐ MLCS, LLC, Case No. 09-50027
	☐ MLCS Distribution Corporation, Case No. 09-50028
	☐ Remediation and Liability Management Company, Inc., Case No. 09-50029
	☐ Environmental Corporate Remediation Company, Inc., Case No. 09-50030
Creditor Name and Address:	Jose Torres, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Valeria Torres-Rodriguez
	Luzardo Pendas, Esq. 625 East Colonia Drive Orlando, Florida 32801
Claim Number (if known):	1038
Date Claim Filed:	7/31/2009
Total Amount of Claim Filed:	\$10,000,000.00
creditor. I hereby withdraw the above duly appointed Claims Agent, to reflect referenced Debtor.	enced creditor, or an authorized signatory for the above-referenced e-referenced claim and authorize the Clerk of this Court, or their t this withdrawal on the official claims register for the above-
Dated:	Print Name:
	Print Name:
	Title (if applicable):

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re : Chapter 11 Case No.

MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY, et al., : 09-50026 (REG)

f/k/a General Motors Corp., et al.

Debtors.

: (Jointly Administered)

ORDER GRANTING MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY GUC TRUST'S OBJECTION TO PROOF OF CLAIM NO. 1038 FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AMENDED ORDER PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 105(A) AND GENERAL ORDER M-390 AUTHORIZING IMPLEMENTATION OF ALTERNATE DISPUTE PROCEDURES, INCLUDING MANDATORY MEDIATION

Upon the Objection dated April 29, 2011 (the "Objection"), of Motors

Liquidation Company (the "GUC Trust"), pursuant to section 502(b) of title 11, United States

Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 3007(d) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the
"Bankruptcy Rules"), and this Court's order Pursuant to Section 502(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy

Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3003(c)(3) Establishing the Deadline for Filing Proofs of Claim

(Including Claims Under Bankruptcy Code Section 503(b)(9)) and Procedures Relating Thereto

and Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof (the "Bar Date Order") (ECF No. 4079),
seeking entry of an order disallowing and expunging Proof of Claim No. 1038 (the "Claim") on
the grounds that such claims should be disallowed under section 502(b) of the Bankruptcy Code
for failure to comply with the ADR Order and the ADR Procedures, all as more fully described in
the Objection; and due and proper notice of the Objection having been provided, and it appearing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Objection.

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that no other or further notice need be provided; and the Court having found and determined that

the relief sought in the Objection is in the best interests of the GUC Trust, creditors, and all parties

in interest and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Objection establish just cause for the

relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is

ORDERED that the relief requested in the Objection is granted as provided herein;

and it is further

ORDERED that, pursuant to section 502(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Claim is

disallowed and expunged in its entirety; and it is further

ORDERED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all

matters arising from or related to this Order.

Dated: New York, New York

\_\_\_\_\_, 2011

United States Bankruptcy Judge